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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:  
Val Sheffield et al.

Serial No.: 10/025,187

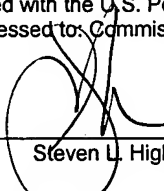
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including January 23, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$475.00) for a three-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

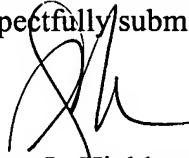
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